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FOR MR. H. DICK SUMNER, 805 HILLCREST DRIVE, YREKA, CALIFORNIA
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SUBJECT : DEATH OF PATRICIA ANN SUMNER

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH
OF YOUR WIFE PATRICIA ANN SUMNER. HOPITAL EDOUARD HERRIOT AT LYON
INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONULATE GENERAL AT LYON ON APRIL 21, 1976
OF HER DEATH OF AN UNKNOWN CAUSE ON APRIL 21, 1976 IN INTENSIVE
CARE MEDICINE WARD 'N'

2- YOUR WIFE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY AMERICAN PASSPORT F 1055860
ISSUED MAY 21, 1975 IN SAN FRANCISCO AND BY MR. ROLAND GAY OF
SAMOENS.

3- IN VIEW OF UNKNOWN CAUSE OF DEATH, AUTOPSY MAY BE DECIDED
UPON BY DR. MOTIN AT HOSPITAL EDOUARD HERRIOT IN LYON.

4- THE CONSULATE GENERAL WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HER PERSONAL EFFECTS
AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

5- REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE
URGENT ARRANGEMNTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR PROMPT
ARRANGEMENTS WHEN PERMIT TO BURY IS GRANTED. WE WOULD LIKE TO
KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR WIFE'S
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REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR

SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA WOULD COST
3,500.00 DOLLARS CREMATION AND SHIPMENT REMAINS TO U.S. WOULD COST
1,000.00 DOLLARS IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS 500.00
DOLLARS. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

6- AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING
ACTIONS :

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN
CONSULATE GENERAL AT LYON, FRANCE AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF
THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE
BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF
U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT OF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH
BANK OF AMERICA AT LYON PAYABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL AT
LYON AND POMPE FUNEBRES GENERALES.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S. YOU MAY WISH
TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR YOU.

7- UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE
CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE
APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF
FUNDS AND ISSUANCE OF BURIAL PERMIT TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS
IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES,
A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL
BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

8- LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN CONNECTION
WITH PREPARATION OF DEATH CERTIFICATE : YOUR WIFE'S EXACT PLACE OF
BIRTH , HER FATHER'S NAME, HER MOTHER'S COMPLETE NAME INCLUDING
MAIDEN NAME AND WHERE PARENTS PRESENTLY RESIDE.

9- IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS
POST BY PHONING (78) NUMBER 24-6849 IN LYON.

10- MR. ROLAND GAY IN SAMOENS, WHO HAS TELEPHONED TO YOU AT THE
TIME YOUR WIFE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL IN ANNEMASSE, INDICATED
THAT PLANS FOR YOUR DAUGHTER SHANON SUMNER'S RETURN TO THE U.S.
CONTINUE TO BE FLIGHT 1575 LAKER AIRWAYS DEPARTING LONDON
AT 11.50 AM APRIL 23 TO ARRIVE VANCOUVER CANADA AT 3.30 PM AND
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FLIGHT 871 UNITED AIRLINE APRIL 24 ARRIVING MEDFORD 10.10 AM AFTER
TRANSFER IN PORTLAND.

11- BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
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